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VIENNA FOR USIAEA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM  
SUBJECT: US-EURATOM RENEGOTIATION

REFS: (A) STATE 43481 AND (B) VIENNA 1638

1. YOU MAY THINK THAT I HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY REFLECTING  
THESE PAST FOUR DAYS ON REFTEL A. YOU WOULD BE WRONG  
SINCE AS THE RESULT OF A COMMUNICATIONS FOUL-UP I HAVE  
ONLY JUST SEEN DEPT'S OPTIONS AND AMBASSADOR SMITH'S  
COMMENT (REFTEL B) WITH WHICH I AGREE.

2. I HOPE THAT AFTER SMITH'S VISIT WE WILL HAVE A BETTER  
READING OF THE SITUATION BUT AS OF NOW WE SHOULD BEAR THE  
FOLLOWING IN MIND. FIRST, THE COMMISSION DRAFT REPLY,  
WHICH WAS CLOSE TO OUR LANGUAGE, WAS REJECTED BY TECHNI-  
CIANS WHO, TO PUT IT MILDLY, ARE SIMPLY FED UP WITH US  
TACTICS VIS-A-VIS EURATOM, PARTICULARLY RELATING TO THE  
IAEA-EURATOM NEGOTIATIONS. SECOND, WE CAN EXPECT BETTER  
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RESULTS AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL WHERE THE COMMISSION DRAFT  
IS STILL ALIVE. AMBASSADOR SMITH'S VISIT SHOULD IMPACT  
FAVORABLY ON MOST OF THE NINE AMBASSADORS. THIRD, THE  
CORE PROBLEM IS IN PARIS. THE BEST WE CAN HOPE FOR  
AFTER SMITH'S VISIT WILL BE AN EIGHT TO ONE DIVISION IN  
COREPER AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. IF AMBASSADOR SMITH  
CAN SWING THE BELGIANS, WHO ARE STILL APPARENTLY WITH THE

FRENCH, AND THE GERMANS, WHO MAY ALREADY HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT, IT WILL BE A GOOD DAY'S WORK.

3. THE NEXT QUESTION IS HOW TO PLAY THE FRENCH. NORMALLY, MY PRESCRIPTION WOULD BE TO LET THE COMMISSION AND THE EIGHT PUT THE PRESSURE ON THE FRENCH BUT OUR DEADLINE IS CLOSE AND THE FRENCH ELECTIONS ARE A COMPLICATING FACTOR. THUS, I WILL URGE AMBASSADOR SMITH, IF AMBASSADOR HARTMAN CONCURS, TO PLAN A FURTHER VISIT TO PARIS, SPECIFICALLY TO SEE SOUTOU, NOT TO NEGOTIATE NOR TO PLEAD, BUT TO BE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CERTAIN THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING. HINTON

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